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Title: CONTROLLING ION POPULATIONS IN A MASS ANALYZER
HAVING A PULSED ION SOURCE

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional applications 60/442,368, filed January 24, 2003 and 60/476,473, filed June 5, 2003.

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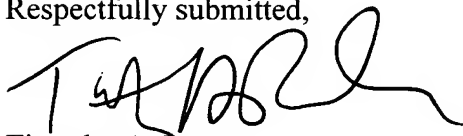
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